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MEMORANDUM TO: DOT Chief Financial Officers

FROM:


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SUBJECT: Achieving Some Debt Collection Improvement
Act Objectives

Electronic Funds transfer payment accompanied by Taxpayer Identification numbers are required by Treasury to meet the DCIA statutory mandate. As the new accounting system is introduced we have chosen to acquire the needed DCIA payment information in a systematic and efficient way through the Central Contractor Registry of the Defense Department. Use of this registry will alleviate much of the burden on procurement and finance staffs and help assure that payment is made electronically and timely.

I have asked the procurement community to take the steps necessary to advise vendors of this payment policy. The details of the implementation strategy will be coordinated with the procurement community to ensure interoperability with DOT's procurement management information systems. Outreach efforts to the small business community will be coordinated appropriately. We are also considering the use of electronic invoices for most of our vendors.